

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (withdrawn). A method for preparing salt-treated, cooked pork or poultry products employing a pickling step, wherein the conventional pickling solution is replaced with a solution containing:

- a food-grade alcohol,
- table salt,
- but containing no preservative in the form of nitrates or nitrites,

said solution being injected under pressure into the product and said product being put under a vacuum in bags before cooking.

Claim 8 (withdrawn). The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the cooked pork or poultry products are selected from the group consisting of pork leg and shoulder, poultry legs, turkey and chicken legs, cooked roasts from pork, turkey and turkey poult.

Claim 9 (withdrawn). The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the solution further contains other ingredients selected from the group consisting of sugars and flavorings.

Claim 10 (withdrawn). The method as claimed in claim 7, consisting in carrying out the following steps:

- cutting and deboning the pork or poultry products;
- injecting under pressure a pickling solution containing a food-grade alcohol, table salt, but containing no preservative in the form of nitrates or nitrites;
- continuing the impregnation of the pork or poultry products with the pickling solution by mixing in a vacuum churn;
- forming the pork or poultry products in vacuum bags;
- cooking; and
- cooling.

Claim 11 (withdrawn). The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the solution further contains other ingredients selected from the group consisting of sugars and flavorings.

Claim 12 (currently amended). A salt-treated, cooked pork or poultry product, obtained using ~~the method of claim 7~~ a method employing a pickling step, wherein the conventional pickling solution is replaced with a solution containing:

- a food-grade alcohol,
- table salt,
- but containing no preservative in the form of nitrates

or nitrites,

said solution being injected under pressure into the product and said product being put under a vacuum in bags before cooking,

which said product contains containing food-grade alcohol, and ~~which said product is being~~ free of any preservative in the form of nitrates or nitrites.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The product according to claim 12, wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of pork leg and shoulder, poultry legs, ~~turkey or chicken legs,~~ and cooked roast from pork, ~~turkey and turkey~~ ~~poult.~~

Claim 14 (previously presented). The product according to claim 12, wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of wines and spirits, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (currently amended). The cooked product according to claim 12, ~~wherein it furthermore contains~~ further containing flavourings, sugars or other ingredients of a conventional pickling solution.

Claim 16 (withdrawn). A pickling solution for butchery and charcuterie products, containing a food-grade alcohol, table salt.

Claim 17 (withdrawn). The pickling solution according to claim 16 further comprising other ingredients selected from the group consisting of sugars and flavorings, said pickling solution being free of any preservative in the form of nitrates and nitrites.

Claim 18 (new). The product according to claim 12, wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of, turkey or chicken legs.

Claim 19 (new). The product according to claim 12, wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of, turkey and turkey poult.